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1. Troop trains seen en route on the Bad-Freienwalde-Eberswalde railroad line between 16 and 23 March 1954 included:

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16 March. A shipment of 9 boxcars occupied by about 350 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; 11 guns, 11 YA-12 prime movers and 40 trucks en route toward Freienwalde at 10 a.m. A shipment of 9 boxcars occupied by about 350 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 11 guns, 11 YA-12 prime movers and 38 trucks en route toward Freienwalde at 3 p.m. 25X1

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22 March. A shipment of 11 boxcars occupied by about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia, 4 x 85-mm AT guns, 3 x 57-mm AT guns, 6 x 120-mm mortars, each on a truck; and 30 trucks [redacted]

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and others of the [redacted] en route toward Eberswalde at 10:45 a.m. A 25X1 shipment of 10 boxcars occupied by about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. 4 x 85-mm AT guns, 10 armored scout cars, 4 armored personnel carriers, [redacted]

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1 salvage tank and [redacted] en route toward Eberswalde at 3:30 p.m.

A shipment of 9 boxcars occupied by about 350 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 4 x 85-mm AT guns, 3 x 57-mm AT guns, 18 x 80-mm mortars on 6 trucks, and 25 trucks en route toward Eberswalde at 6 p.m.

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23 March. A shipment of 7 boxcars occupied by about 350 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 1 truck carrying 1 assault boat, 8 three-load pontoons on 24 trucks, and 20 trucks en route toward Eberswalde at 4:45 p.m. 25X1 25X1

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2. Trains unloaded at the Rathenow railroad station on 28 March included a train 25X1 carrying about 20 x 160-mm mortars, about 10 boxcarloads of troops, [redacted]

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[redacted] and 10 boxcarloads of troops at about 3 p.m. The tailboards of all vehicles of the [redacted]

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3. Troop trains passing through the Rathenow railroad station and proceeding toward Wustermark on 28 March included: a shipment of 6 M-13 rocket launchers, about 50 motor vehicles and 10 boxcars occupied by troops, at about 4 p.m.; and a shipment of 6 M-13 rocket launchers, about 60 motor vehicles and about 12 boxcars occupied by troops at about 9 p.m.

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4. At 11:15 a.m. on 28 March, a column of heavily soiled motor vehicles was seen on Bernauer Allee, Oranienburg, proceeding toward Schmachtenhagen via Lehnitzschleuse (lock) at high speed. The column was organized as follows: 12 trucks, each occupied by 12 to 16 troops and towing 12 canvas-covered 57-mm AA guns; 1 field kitchen; 12 trucks, each occupied by about 12 troops and towing 12 light AA guns; 1 field kitchen; 8 trucks mounting mortars, 1 field kitchen; 8 EA-64 armored scout cars each occupied by 1 soldier and 1 driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, 1 field kitchen; 16 trucks, occupied by about 20 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and mounting 3 pontoons on a frame, 1 field kitchen; 10 trucks occupied by about 20 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and towing 10 canvas-covered small guns with short barrels, 1 field kitchen; 12 trucks each occupied by 3 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying 12 light AA guns, 1 field kitchen; 24 trucks, each occupied by about 20 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and 9 sedans occupied by officers. The engineer trucks had a white ball of about 30 cm in diameter on their tail boards.

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5. At 10:30 a.m. on 28 March, a train carrying about 200 troops, 16 120-mm mortars, 1 radio truck, and 18 trucks was seen at the Wudicke railroad station, with the engine headed toward Berlin.

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6. At 2:15 p.m. on 29 March, a train of about 5 boxcars and 40 flatcars carrying

On 21 March, three trains, tails of which could not be identified, arrived in Prenzlau from Beeskow.⁴

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16 March. [redacted] with elements of the 71st Light Arty Brig (US), went from Bernau to Cottbus for exercises of the 7th Gds Mech Div;

25X1 22 March. At 10:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., two shipments which [redacted] involved elements of the 6th Gds Mech Div from Bad Freienwalde en route to the division training at Mirow. The third shipment does not check with available information; it is, however, believed to have also gone from Bad Freienwalde to Mirow.

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23 March. One of the two shipments [redacted] which went from Beeskow to Eberswalde. As had been assumed, these trains carried elements of the 3d Engr Regt who returned to Eberswalde from exercises of the 7th Gds Mech Div.

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25X1 2. Comment. [redacted]. On 28 March, elements of the 65th Mort Brig (US) were detrained, while elements of the 25th Gds RL Brig were entrained. The rocket launcher units participated in exercises of the 10th Gds Tank Div in the Baruth-Jueterbog area. The train mentioned in paragraph 5 carried elements of the 65th Mort Brig (US), also en route to this exercise.

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25X1 3. [REDACTED] Comment. The assumption that units of the 6th Gds Mech Div from Bernau which, on 12 trains, transferred to the Mirow-Neuruppin-Friesack area between 21 and 23 March for exercise, [REDACTED]

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25X1 on 29 March. [REDACTED] The shipment had come from
Letzling Heath. On 21 March, shipments [REDACTED] had returned to 25X1
Prenzlau from Beeskow upon completion of the exercises of the 7th Gds Mech Div.

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